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Revised proposal presented by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with a view to strengthening the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security

International peace and security greatly influence the life and welfare of peoples. That is why the maintenance of international peace and security is among the purposes and principles of the United Nations, as stipulated in the Charter. In order to achieve this purpose, the framers of the United Nations Charter sought to adopt the collective measures needed for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace. The Security Council has been entrusted with the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. The Charter also states that the General Assembly may consider the general principles of cooperation in the maintenance of international peace and security and may make recommendations with regard to such principles to the Members or to the Security Council, or to both.

The post-cold war era has created good opportunities for the United Nations to play the role entrusted to it by the Charter. This development has placed the Organization at the forefront of actions aimed at strengthening international cooperation in the maintenance of international peace and security. In order for the United Nations to better serve the international community in this field, it has to be restructured, and it has become necessary to take measures that would enhance the effectiveness of its principal organs, based on the principles of justice, democracy and the full, sovereign equality of Member States. The desired result of all of this is an active General Assembly capable of confronting international challenges, and a Security Council that embodies the changes in the international situation.

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization can contribute to efforts to

reform and restructure the Organization. Within the framework of current efforts, the Special Committee should explore ways and means of revitalizing the General Assembly and highlighting its special role as the only organ with universal membership. Under the functions entrusted to it, the Special Committee should take part in reforming the Security Council and the way it is composed and in improving its working methods.

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya believes that the following ideas would help the Special Committee in achieving these ends, and trusts that discussions in the Committee would provide an opportunity to enrich and develop these ideas:

1. Consideration of means of strengthening the role of the General Assembly in the realization of effective international cooperation in the maintenance of international peace and security, based on Articles 10, 11 and 14 of the Charter, since peace and security are the common responsibility of all Members of the United Nations.

2. Proposing ways and means of enhancing the relationship between the General Assembly and the Security Council, based on Articles 15 and 24 of the Charter and within the framework of the two organs' work in strengthening international peace and security.

3. Development of criteria that would guarantee that the composition of the Security Council reflected the general membership of the United Nations, and criteria to guarantee equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the Security Council, in addition to the laying down of rules for a regular review of the composition and functioning of the Security Council.

4. Specification of the procedural matters referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 27 of the Charter.

5. Exploration of ways and means that would enhance the role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security; consideration of the negative effects of the application of the rule on the necessity of unanimity among the permanent members of the Security Council; how to limit the use of this rule, including the specification of questions in the consideration of which the rule should be suspended; and looking into certain areas where this rule should not apply, in addition to proposing measures that would lead to the final repeal of this rule.